COMMENTS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Notice of Non-Compliant

Amendment mailed on May 17, 2005. At the time the Examiner mailed the

Office Action claims 1, 7, 9, 10, 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27 were pending. By way of

the present response the Applicants have: 1) added no claims; 2) amended

claim 1, 21, 24 and 27; and 3) canceled no claims. As such, claims 1, 7, 9, 10,

21, 23, 24, 26 and 27 are now pending. The Applicants respectfully request

reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons provided above, applicant respectfully submits that the

current set of claims are allowable. If the Examiner believes an additional

telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present

application, the Examiner is invited to call Michael J. Mallie at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666

for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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